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KING OF THE THUNDERBOLTS

Now! Turn Your Waste Gas Into SUPER POWER!

IT'S TRUE! Now you can get the breath-taking acceleration . . . jack-rabbit starts . . . blazing new power that you've dreamed about for years—*simply by harnessing the raw, unburnt gasoline that your engine is wasting today!*

You can get performance from your present car that will make your friends gasp with astonishment—*and you can save $25, $50, even $75 a year on gas bills alone doing it!*

Yes! *You, yourself* can fit this amazing GASOLINE ATOMIZER on to your car in as little as 20 easy minutes! *And it is guaranteed to pay you back your full purchase price, in gas savings alone, in the first 3 to 4 short months that you use it. Here's why!*

By RICHARD JOHNS

Mr. Car Owner! How would you like to have the driving thrill of your life next weekend?

Picture this yourself! Next weekend you go down to your car—the same tired car that you've been driving for years. You've made only one simple change to that car, so easy that *your 16-year-old son could do it!* But now, when you turn on the ignition, *a modern miracle of engineering science comes to life under your hood!*

From the very first moment, you'll see and feel the difference in that engine. That engine will hum with new, throbbing power. When you release the emergency brake, your car will glide out of its parking space . . . roll down the street with your foot hardly touching the pedal. Every 30 or 40 seconds, you'll give that car an extra shot of gas . . . feeling it spurt ahead . . . testing the new power that's singing underneath your foot!

We ask you to pull up to another car at the stop light, of approximately the same year and make as your own! Wait until the light changes from red to green. Let the other car start first. Wait till the other car gets half way across the street. *And then slam your foot down on the gas pedal!*

Before that other car has even crossed the street, you will have caught up with him. For one brief second, you and that other car will race fender to fender. And then you will flash away from him . . . you will leave him a full block behind . . . you will look in your rear view mirror and see the startled look of amazement in the other driver's eyes!

TEST THIS NEW POWER A HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS!

But this is just the beginning! Test this equipment for one full month—entirely at our risk! Test it on the highway! Use it to flash away from other cars . . . spurt up the *steepest* hills . . . *actually pass other cars in 2, 4, 6 and even 8 seconds LESS than you could have done formerly!*

Test this equipment in long-range *driving!* See the *enormous gas savings it gives you* at high speeds! Prove to yourself that at 50 . . . 60 . . . even 70 miles an hour, *your foot is still half-way up on the pedal*—you still have all the reserve power you need to get out of any emergency on the highway!

Yes, and test this equipment in stop-and-go city driving! Prove to yourself that it gives you the instant acceleration you need to get out in front of the crowd . . . *with far less gas* than you're using today! Prove to yourself that it can actually save you $25 to $50 to $75 on your gas bills every single year . . . *that it actually pays back its full cost, in gas savings alone, during the first three or four months—or your full money back!*

HOW DOES THIS PRODUCT GIVE YOU SUCH TREMENDOUS NEW POWER?

And you get all this performance—and more—from a small, polished machine of bronze and aluminum that you can hold in your hand! Here's why:

Gasoline in its liquid form is not explosive. If you accidentally drop a lighted match into a bucket full of gasoline, the chances are 10 to 1 that that gasoline will actually *put out* that match. *But simply mix that same bucket full of gas with the proper amount of air, and you will have enough explosive power to drive a ten ton truck!*

The main purpose of this machine is to SUPER-MIX . . . SUPER-VAPORIZE . . . SUPER-ATOMIZE your gas in exactly that way! To squeeze the *hidden power* out of that gas! To mix that gas with much greater volumes of air! To make that gas *more explosive* in the engine of your car!

No wonder men have paid up to $600 for Superchargers! What we are offering you on this page is a MINI-SUPERCHARGER—easier to install—less expensive! But still the only power product you can buy with all these tremendous advantages:

1. You can install it yourself, in just 30 minutes, even if you never picked up a tool before in your life! No $10, $15 or $20 mechanic's bills! No drilling, or grinding of any kind! You never even touch the inside of your engine!

2. It never needs further adjustments, for the full lifetime of your car! Nothing to go out of order or break down on the highway.

3. It takes up no room in your car . . . makes no "stepped-up" noise! No shifting around of engine parts. No "hot rod" noises to cause embarrassment!

SO EASY TO INSTALL THAT EVEN YOUR 16-YEAR-OLD SON CAN DO IT!

HERE'S ALL YOU DO!

Step 1. Open your hood. Locate Air Cleaner and Carburetor Unit that sits smack on top of your engine. *Simply take an ordinary* wrench and loosen the two or three bolts that hold carburetor to the engine!

Step 2. Lift up the carburetor. Put MINI-SUPERCHARGER unit in place. *What could be easier!*

Step 3. Replace carburetor. *Now turn on your engine! And then get in and take the most thrilling drive of your life!*

TRY IT ENTIRELY AT OUR RISK

This MINI-SUPERCHARGER (U.S. Patent No. 2,409,937) sells for only $11.95 for most cars and only $14.95 if your car has a special four-barrel carburetor. This is your *total cost—there is no installation fee!* And, most important of all, *we guarantee that you will save this full purchase in gas bills alone—in the first 3 to 4 months that you own this device.*

You have nothing to lose! Try this equipment entirely at our risk. It must give you a whole *new* world of driving pleasure and economy or your full money back! Act today!

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YES! This amazing "MINI-SUPERCHARGER" gives you as much as *20 more horse power* from your engine! Gives you the gas economy you've dreamed about for years! Here's *why. This Power Booster works on exactly the same principle as superchargers selling for as high as $600.* Its whirlwind propeller (A) breaks up the raw, unburnt gas that your engine is wasting today . . . gives you blazing new power from every drop! Its emergency breather valve (B) forces huge quantities of fresh air into your engine . . . forces that engine to breathe deeper . . . push harder . . . pile up more mileage from every gallon you buy! It gives you a TREMENDOUS NEW BURST OF MONEY-SAVING POWER, just when you need it most — when you flash away from traffic . . shoot up steep hills . . . pick up speed on the open highway! No wonder dozens of leading car magazines call this the "money-saving discovery of the year." Test this amazing gas-saver yourself — without risking a penny! THE THRILLING FACTS ARE ON THIS PAGE!

WE GUARANTEE YOUR GAS SAVINGS!

Clip this guarantee section out of this page. It authorizes you to try this amazing new MINI-SUPERCHARGER for a full four months ENTIRELY AT OUR RISK! At the end of that time, this device must save you—on gas alone —EVERY SINGLE CENT OF THE MONEY THAT YOU PAID FOR IT—OR YOUR FULL MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED! This offer is good for a full four months. It is probably the most amazing offer in car history! You have nothing to lose! ACT TODAY!

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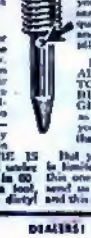
UP TO $3 RETAIL VALUE! UP TO 2 TO 4 MILES MORE PER GALLON INSTANTLY, SAY THOUSANDS OF USERS.



THIS is probably the most widely sold piece of automotive equipment in the world! OVER HALF A MILLION DRIVERS have paid up to $3 a set to put these amazing Air Bleed Needles in their cars! *But we bought out an entire factory at a sacrifice price! For this one advertisement only, we can offer you these exact same needles as a FREE gift, even if you return the MINI-SUPERCHARGER!*

1. They fit onto the carburetor of your car, where they replace the standard Idling Adjustment Screw. If you have a six cylinder car, then you will need only one of the Air Bleed Needles, regular retail price $1.50. If you have an eight-cylinder car, then you will need two needles, regular retail price — $3.00. In either case, you simply unscrew the old needle and put in the new. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! Even if you never looked under your hood before, you can do it in 60 seconds . . . without touching a tool, without even getting your hands dirty!

2. The purpose of these Air Bleed Needles is to STOP YOUR CAR FROM WASTING GAS IN STOP-AND-GO DRIVING . . . and to save you up to 2 to 4 miles a gallon. If you use your car to go shopping . . . if you have to fight traffic as much as once a week, then we believe you'll bless the day you first put this equipment in your car! And of course, at the same time it can give your easier, quieter performance and pick-up and smoother, more economical idling!

REMEMBER, THIS IS PROBABLY YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET THESE AMAZING AIR BLEED NEEDLES AS A FREE GIFT—a gift that is worth as much as $3 to you—and a gift that is yours to keep even if you return the MINI-SUPERCHARGER!

But you must act today! Our supply is limited! We can make this offer only this one time in this newspaper! Simply send us the name and make of your car, and this gift is yours! *BUT ACT TODAY!*

Here's Proof!

SCIENTIFIC TESTS SHOW AMAZING NEW HORSEPOWER, STARTLING GAS SAVINGS!

Installation of the item was exceptionally easy — less than 25 minutes. Immediate results show a *definite increase of 11 horsepower* on the Dynamometer — and the increase in mileage was easily up to 5 *miles more per gallon.*

Sincerely, VINCENT LOMBARDI
Service Manager of one of the country's largest tow-car organizations.

FAR BETTER MILEAGE FROM A FEW EASY MINUTES WORK.

"I must tell you about the wonderful results your supercharger has given my 1954 Ford V-8. On a recent trip to Canada I averaged an easy 22 miles a gallon both going and coming, and the new power I get is really thrilling."
— Mrs. Jeanette Kleinbaum, Bronx, N.Y.

"I have a 1951 Chrysler Windsor. Before installing your Mini-Supercharger I got approximately 15 miles per gallon. Since installing this supercharger I get as much as 20 miles per gallon."
— A. E. Masterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Received two superchargers for my Buick and Chevrolet. Am well pleased with them. It made a difference on the Buick Roadmaster from 14 to 20 miles a gallon. Would not take fifty dollars for them."
— O. J. Bryant, Yellowstone Park, Wyo.

MAIL NO-RISK COUPON TODAY!

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Yes, I want to try your amazing MINI-SUPERCHARGER entirely at your risk! I will pay postman only amount checked below plus few C.O.D. charges.

☐ $11.95 (My car does not have a four-barrel carburetor).
☐ $14.95 (My car is equipped with a special four-barrel carburetor).

I understand that it must do everything you say or my full money back! Also send me at your Extra Gift Premium, the Free Air Bleed Needle Set. I may keep the needles even if I return the MINI-SUPERCHARGER.

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PLASTIC MAN
P-PLAS! ENCLOSE ME! DON'T LET PROFESSOR SPARKS' MURDEROUS THUNDERBOLTS GET ME!
YOU'RE TOO FAT, WOOZY! IF I GO CLEAR AROUND YOU, I'D HAVE TO SPREAD MYSELF TOO THIN TO BLOCK THE AWFUL LIGHTNING!

PROFESSOR SPARKS WAS A GENIUS WITH ELECTRICITY -- BUT AN *EVIL* GENIUS WHOSE WILY BRAIN DEVISED A NOVEL AND INGENIOUS DEVISE OF THUNDER! AGAIN AND AGAIN THOSE DARING AGENTS, ***PLASTIC MAN*** AND WOOZY WINKS, FOUND THEMSELVES POWERLESS AGAINST THE FRIGHTFUL FURY OF HIS LASHING THUNDERBOLTS! BUT THEY KEPT ON, KNOWING THAT WHEN A MAN IS ***BORN TO BURN,*** HE WILL SOONER OR LATER FULFILL HIS TERRIBLE DESTINY!

The King of THUNDERBOLTS

AS IF NATURE HERSELF JEERED AT MAN'S PUNY EFFORTS, A FRIGHTFUL THUNDERSTORM STRUCK THE NIGHT OF PROFESSOR SPARKS' ELECTROCUTION...

BRRR! WHAT A NIGHT! PLAS, WHY DO *WE* HAFTA WATCH PROF SPARKS GET THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR HIS MURDERS?

THE LAW REQUIRES WITNESSES TO AN EXECUTION, WOOZY, AND WE WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN WINDING UP HIS CRIMINAL CAREER!

BOOM! BRRRAMMM!

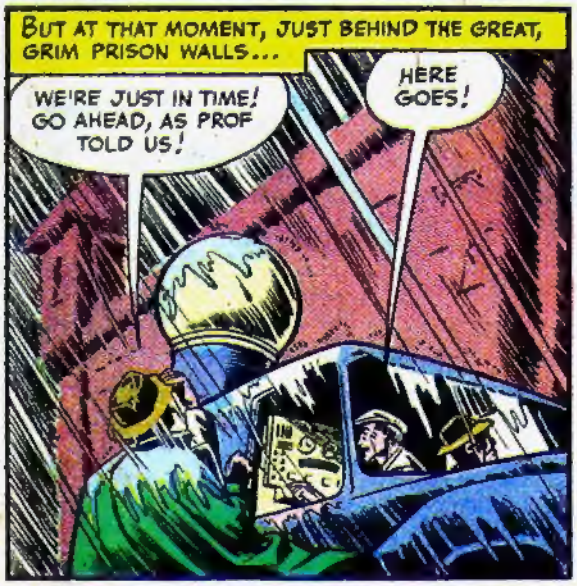
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, PLASTIC MAN! THEY'RE BRINGING PROF SPARKS FROM THE DEATH CELL RIGHT NOW!

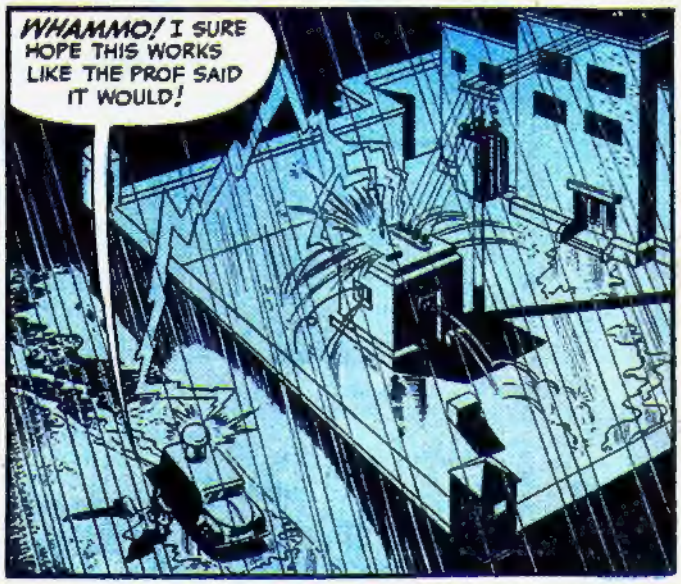
THAT'S FINE! THE QUICKER THIS GRIM BUSINESS IS OVER AND DONE WITH, THE BETTER WE'LL ALL FEEL!

HI, PLASTIC MAN! GLAD YOU'RE HERE! YOU KNOW IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU AND THAT FAT GUY WITH YOU, I WOULDN'T BE HERE!
NOW, JUST A MINUTE!
QUIET, WOOZY! LET THE CONDEMNED MAN HAVE HIS LAST BLUSTER!

HA! I KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS CHAIR THAN THE MONKEY WHO INVENTED IT! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
NO DOUBT YOU DO... BUT I HARDLY SEE CAUSE FOR LAUGHTER IN THIS SITUATION! I'M ONLY SORRY FOR YOUR MISGUIDED TALENTS!

FIVE SECONDS TO ETERNITY! READY...?
HO-HUM! WAKE ME UP WHEN THIS SILLY COMEDY IS OVER, BOYS!

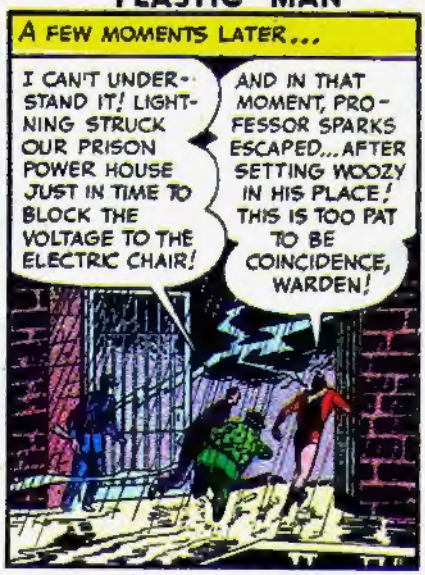

BUT AT THAT MOMENT, JUST BEHIND THE GREAT, GRIM PRISON WALLS...
WE'RE JUST IN TIME! GO AHEAD, AS PROF TOLD US!
HERE GOES!

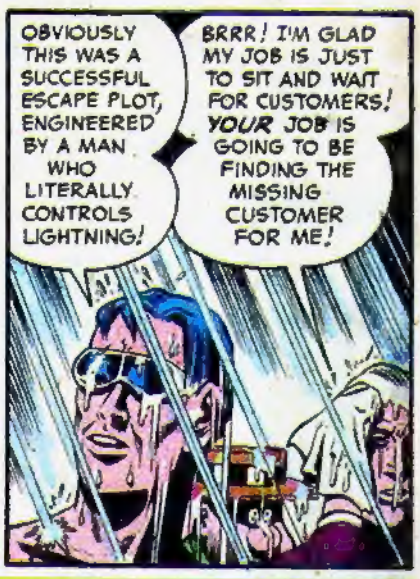

WHAMMO! I SURE HOPE THIS WORKS LIKE THE PROF SAID IT WOULD!

WHILE INSIDE!
EEEEOW! WHAT HAPPENED? ALL THE LIGHTS WENT OUT!
PLAS! SOMEBODY'S GRABBING ME! HALP!
SPLAT!

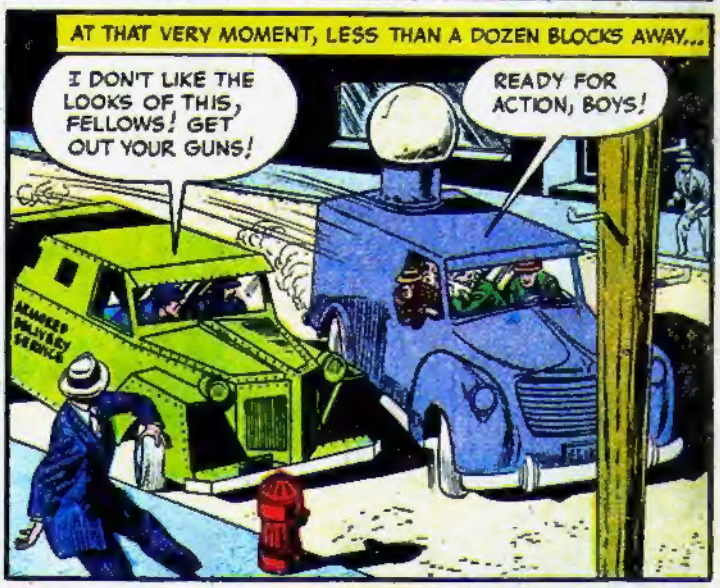
THE EMERGENCY CIRCUIT! WHERE IS... OH, THERE IT IS!
EEEEOW! GET ME OUTA THIS THING!
JUMP, WOOZY! JUMP!

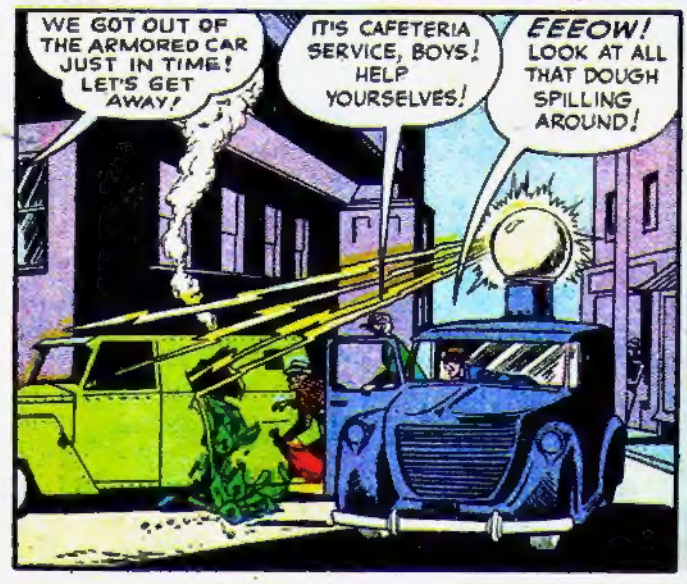
GREAT HEAVENS! NOT AN INSTANT TOO SOON! THE CURRENT IS BACK ON!
THE SWITCH TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR IS CLOSED... BUT PROFESSOR SPARKS HAS DISAPPEARED!
CRACKLE!
SPUTT!


A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! LIGHTNING STRUCK OUR PRISON POWER HOUSE JUST IN TIME TO BLOCK THE VOLTAGE TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
AND IN THAT MOMENT, PROFESSOR SPARKS ESCAPED... AFTER SETTING WOOZY IN HIS PLACE! THIS IS TOO PAT TO BE COINCIDENCE, WARDEN!


OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS A SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE PLOT, ENGINEERED BY A MAN WHO LITERALLY CONTROLS LIGHTNING!
BRRR! I'M GLAD MY JOB IS JUST TO SIT AND WAIT FOR CUSTOMERS! YOUR JOB IS GOING TO BE FINDING THE MISSING CUSTOMER FOR ME!

THE NEXT DAY...
WE MAY AS WELL FACE REALITY, PLASTIC MAN! PROFESSOR SPARKS IS AT LARGE, WITH ALL HIS GENIUS AND HIS SAVAGE HATRED OF SOCIETY!
THERE'S LITTLE WE CAN DO, CHIEF, UNTIL HE RESUMES HIS ELECTRICAL CRIMES... AND I HAVE A FEELING THAT WON'T INVOLVE A VERY LONG WAIT!


AT THAT VERY MOMENT, LESS THAN A DOZEN BLOCKS AWAY...
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS, FELLOWS! GET OUT YOUR GUNS!
READY FOR ACTION, BOYS!
ARMORED DELIVERY SERVICE


WE GOT OUT OF THE ARMORED CAR JUST IN TIME! LET'S GET AWAY!
IT'S CAFETERIA SERVICE, BOYS! HELP YOURSELVES!
EEEOW! LOOK AT ALL THAT DOUGH SPILLING AROUND!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...
WE JUST GOT A CALL ABOUT A HOLDUP HERE! DID YOU SEE THE CROOKS?
YEH, PLASTIC MAN! THEY WENT THAT-AWAY!
YOU'RE NUTS! THAT WAY!
DON'T LISTEN, PLASTIC! I SAW THEM GO THAT WAY!

GEE, PLAS! EVERYTHING LOOKS LIKE IT HAD BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!
AND I'M AFRAID THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED, WOOZY! UNLESS I'M BADLY MISTAKEN, PROFESSOR SPARKS HAS PRODUCED AN ELECTRIFYING WEAPON OF EVIL!
THE FOLLOWING DAYS SAW THE TERRIBLE WEAPON STRIKE AGAIN AND AGAIN...
HEY!!?
NATIONAL BANK
ONE MORE THUNDERBOLT, THEN START SCOOPING THE CASH, BOYS!
YOU CROOKS! STOP OR..HEY! DUCK QUICKLY, CLANCY! THOSE CAN STUN YOU FOR AWHILE! THE AMPERAGE CAN MELT METAL BUT CAN'T KILL!
KEEP BRINGING OUT THE FURS, BOYS! WINTER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
...AND AGAIN!
PROF! THE LIGHTNING'S WEAK, OR SUMP'N! IT DOESN'T BUST DOWN THAT RED DOOR!
BUT IT HAS TO! THE TRANS-FORMERS ARE DELIVERING PEAK VOLTAGE!
JEWELRY
MAYBE THEY'RE NOT PEEKING AT THE RIGHT KIND OF DOOR!
EEEOW! PLASTIC MAN! I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED...!
YOU MIGHT EVEN GUESS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT, PROFESSOR SPARKS!
I CAN, PLASTIC MAN! I'M GOING TO LEAVE HERE... AND LEAVE YOU LOOKING SILLY AS USUAL!
OH, THERE YOU ARE, PLAS! I THOUGHT I SAW YOU...!ULP!
OH, NO! I THOUGHT I SHOOK YOU OFF HALF AN HOUR AGO!
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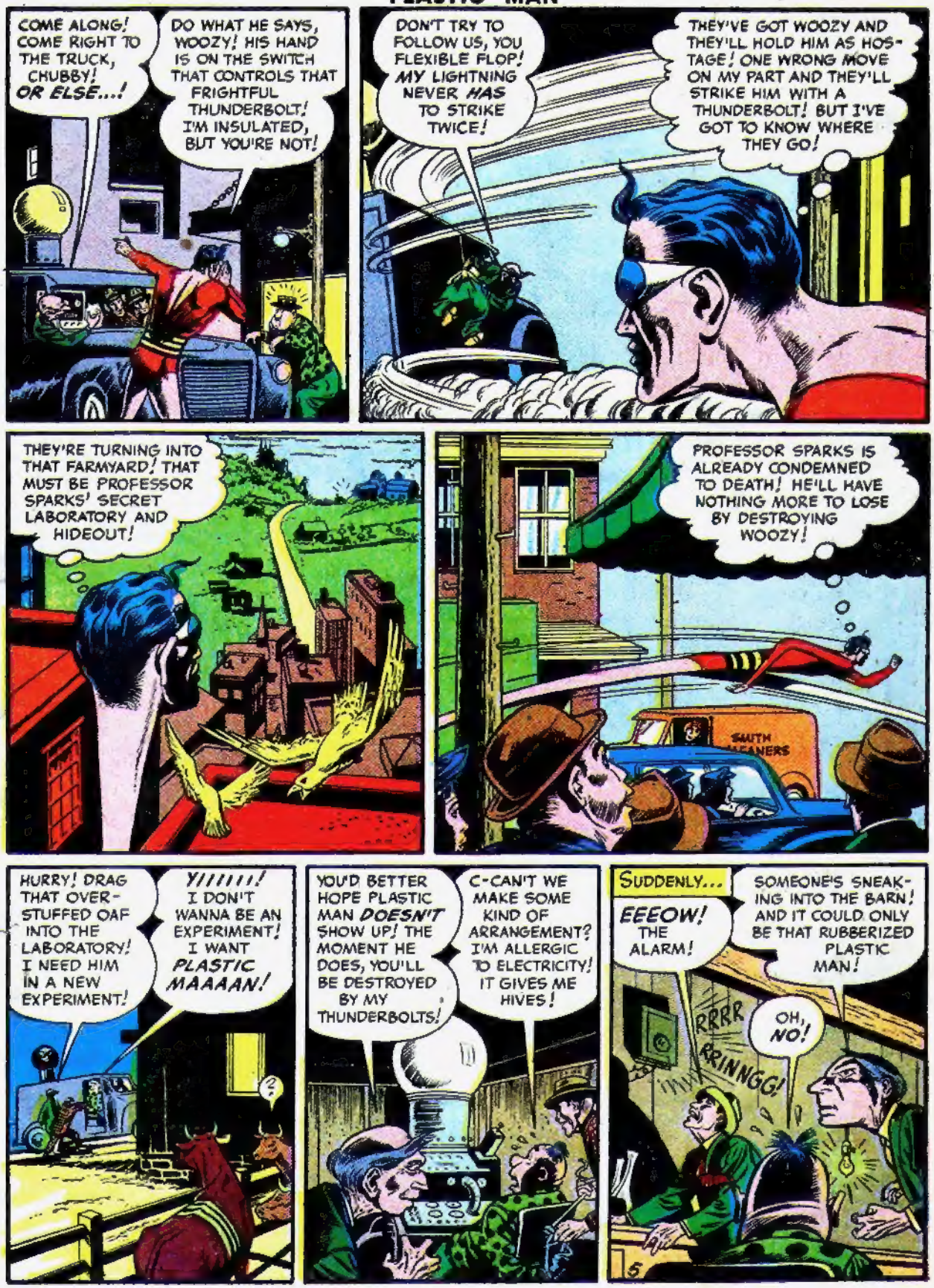
COME ALONG! COME RIGHT TO THE TRUCK, CHUBBY! OR ELSE...!
DO WHAT HE SAYS, WOOZY! HIS HAND IS ON THE SWITCH THAT CONTROLS THAT FRIGHTFUL THUNDERBOLT! I'M INSULATED, BUT YOU'RE NOT!
DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW US, YOU FLEXIBLE FLOP! MY LIGHTNING NEVER HAS TO STRIKE TWICE!
THEY'VE GOT WOOZY AND THEY'LL HOLD HIM AS HOSTAGE! ONE WRONG MOVE ON MY PART AND THEY'LL STRIKE HIM WITH A THUNDERBOLT! BUT I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHERE THEY GO!
THEY'RE TURNING INTO THAT FARMYARD! THAT MUST BE PROFESSOR SPARKS' SECRET LABORATORY AND HIDEOUT!
PROFESSOR SPARKS IS ALREADY CONDEMNED TO DEATH! HE'LL HAVE NOTHING MORE TO LOSE BY DESTROYING WOOZY!
SMITH CLEANERS
HURRY! DRAG THAT OVER-STUFFED OAF INTO THE LABORATORY! I NEED HIM IN A NEW EXPERIMENT!
Y//////! I DON'T WANNA BE AN EXPERIMENT! I WANT PLASTIC MAAAAN!
?
YOU'D BETTER HOPE PLASTIC MAN DOESN'T SHOW UP! THE MOMENT HE DOES, YOU'LL BE DESTROYED BY MY THUNDERBOLTS!
C-CAN'T WE MAKE SOME KIND OF ARRANGEMENT? I'M ALLERGIC TO ELECTRICITY! IT GIVES ME HIVES!
SUDDENLY...
EEEOW! THE ALARM!
SOMEONE'S SNEAKING INTO THE BARN! AND IT COULD ONLY BE THAT RUBBERIZED PLASTIC MAN!
RRRR RRINGG!
OH, NO!
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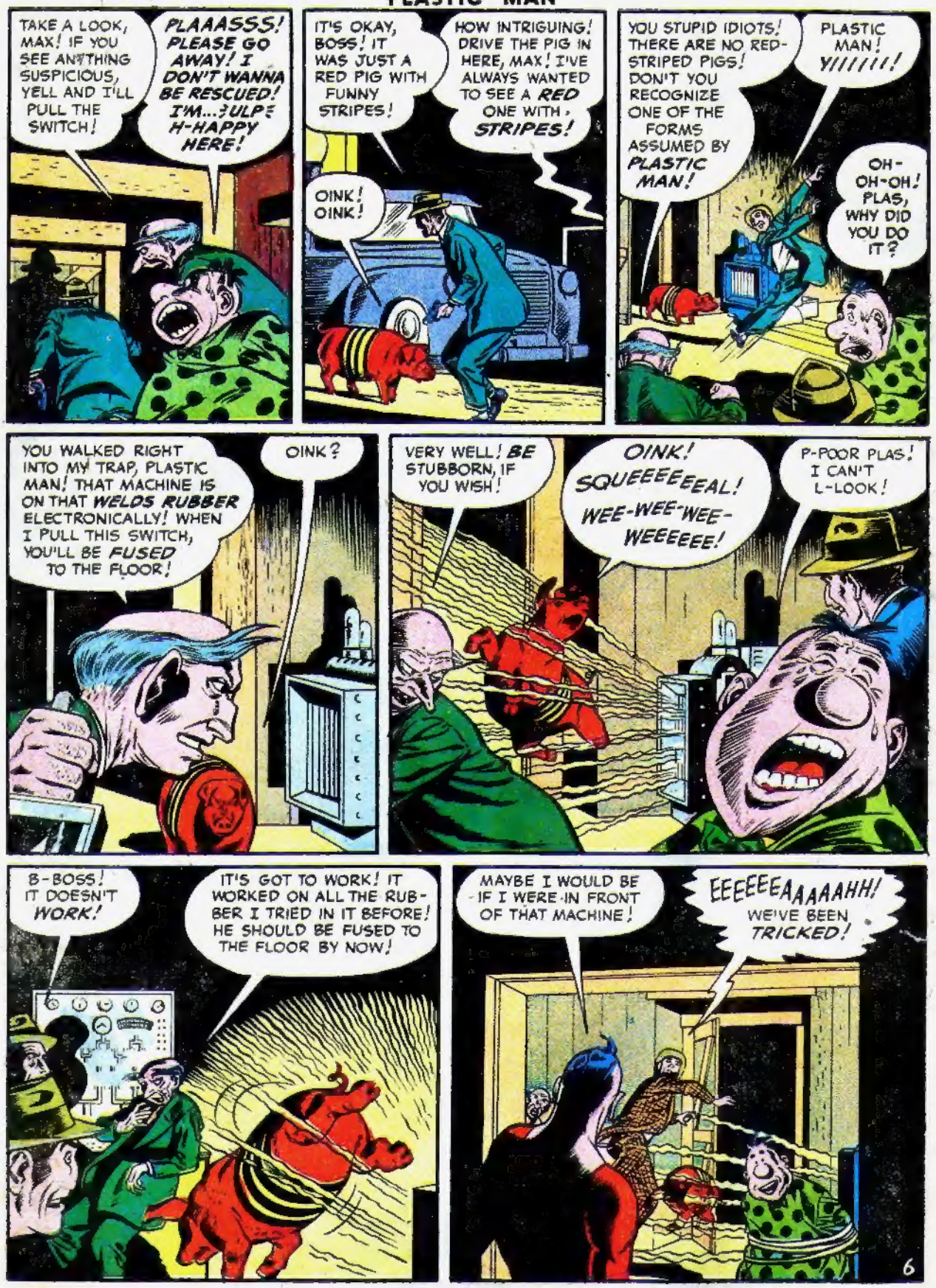
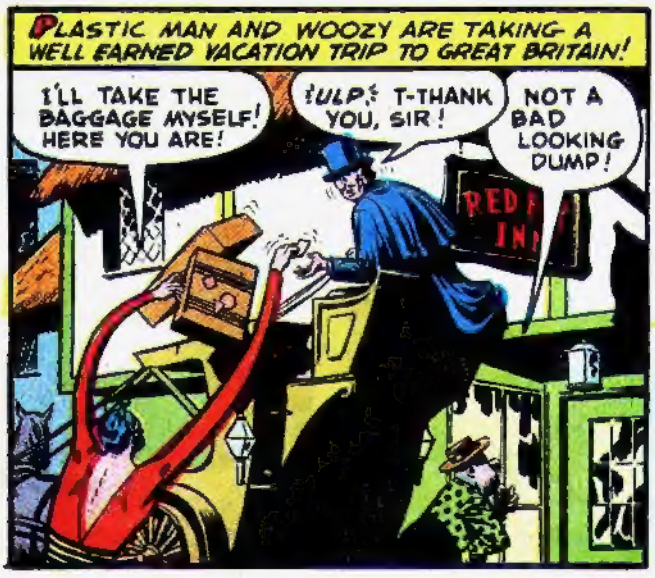

TAKE A LOOK, MAX! IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, YELL AND I'LL PULL THE SWITCH!
PLAAASSS! PLEASE GO AWAY! I DON'T WANNA BE RESCUED! I'M...?ULP! H-HAPPY HERE!
IT'S OKAY, BOSS! IT WAS JUST A RED PIG WITH FUNNY STRIPES!
HOW INTRIGUING! DRIVE THE PIG IN HERE, MAX! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE A RED ONE WITH STRIPES!
OINK! OINK!
YOU STUPID IDIOTS! THERE ARE NO RED-STRIPED PIGS! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE FORMS ASSUMED BY PLASTIC MAN!
PLASTIC MAN! Y!!!!!!!
OH-OH-OH! PLAS, WHY DID YOU DO IT?
YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO MY TRAP, PLASTIC MAN! THAT MACHINE IS ON THAT WELDS RUBBER ELECTRONICALLY! WHEN I PULL THIS SWITCH, YOU'LL BE FUSED TO THE FLOOR!
OINK?
VERY WELL! BE STUBBORN, IF YOU WISH!
OINK! SQUEEEEEEEAL! WEE-WEE-WEE-WEEEEEE!
P-POOR PLAS! I CAN'T L-LOOK!
B-BOSS! IT DOESN'T WORK!
IT'S GOT TO WORK! IT WORKED ON ALL THE RUBBER I TRIED IN IT BEFORE! HE SHOULD BE FUSED TO THE FLOOR BY NOW!
MAYBE I WOULD BE IF I WERE IN FRONT OF THAT MACHINE!
EEEEEEAAAAAHH! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!

SO LET'S SHUT THE MACHINE OFF AND AVOID ACCIDENTS!
YIIII! EVEN BEIN' HERE IS AN ACCIDENT I WISH I COULD AVOID!
YOU WON'T BE HERE LONG, IF THAT'S ANY CONSOLATION!
PLAS! LOOK OUT! HE'S GOING FOR HIS THUNDERBOLT MACHINE! IT'S AIMED AT ME!
BAWWWW! I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE!
YOU WON'T IF I CAN KEEP YOU SHIELDED WITH MY INSULATED BODY!
CRASH!
I'LL TURN UP THE VOLTAGE UNTIL IT SMASHES RIGHT THROUGH YOUR RUBBER EPIDERMIS, YOU SPOIL-SPORT!
LOOK OUT! THAT PIG IS IN A PANIC!
HEY! THAT HOG PUSHED ME INTO ----
CRASH!
WHEN HE COMES TO HE'LL BE BEHIND STEEL BARS! IRONIC, THE STEEL HE TRIED TO DESTROY WILL HOLD HIM!
PLAS, YOU SAVED MY LIFE! I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU... ANYTHING! I'LL BE YOUR SLAVE! I'LL WAIT ON YOU HAND AND FOOT!
IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO VOLUNTEER, WOOZY! I'M SORRY I HAD TO USE WATERPROOF PAINT BUT THERE WASN'T TIME TO FIND ANY OTHER KIND!
ME AND MY BIG FAT MOUTH! STAND STILL, PORK CHOPS!

PLASTIC MAN
THE QUIET ENGLISH VILLAGE WAS VISITED BY A TERRIBLE APPARITION! ONCE AGAIN, AFTER CENTURIES IN HIS GRAVE, THE SAVAGE LORD HALKEY AND HIS HOUNDS MADE DREADFUL SPORT WITH HUMAN LIVES!
PLASTIC MAN AND WOOZY PLUNGE INTO THE WEB OF EERIE DANGER AS THEY SEEK TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY OF.....
THE HOUNDS OF HALKEY


PLASTIC MAN AND WOOZY ARE TAKING A WELL EARNED VACATION TRIP TO GREAT BRITAIN!
I'LL TAKE THE BAGGAGE MYSELF! HERE YOU ARE!
!ULP! T-THANK YOU, SIR!
NOT A BAD LOOKING DUMP!

THESE OLD ENGLISH INNS ARE JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED, EH, PLAS?
YOU SAID IT, WOOZY! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A WEEK OF ABSOLUTE QUIET AND PEACE FAR FROM CRIME AND ——...
EYAHHHH

WHAT'S THAT?
SOMEBODY SCREAMED BLOODY MURDER! HERE HE COMES, PLAS!
SAVE ME! QUICK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! I'M TOM ASHLEY!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
A-A MAN ON HORSEBACK! HE HUNTED ME THROUGH THE WOODS WITH HIS HOUNDS! T-THEY WOULD HAVE TORN ME TO PIECES!
IT DOESN'T SOUND POSSIBLE! WHAT KIND OF A MONSTER WOULD HUNT OTHER HUMAN BEINGS?
I CAN ANSWER THAT! HE UNDOUBTEDLY SAW THE GHOST OF THE EVIL LORD HALKEY!
A GHOST?
FOX
AYE... LORD HALKEY HAS BEEN DEAD FOR MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED YEARS! HE WAS A CRUEL TYRANT IN HIS DAY! MANY IS THE POOR SERF WHO WAS HUNTED AND KILLED BY LORD HALKEY AND HIS HOUNDS!
EVER SINCE, THERE'S BEEN TALK THAT LORD HALKEY HAUNTS THE COUNTRYSIDE THAT ONCE BELONGED TO HIM! BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S ACTUALLY BEEN SEEN!
NONSENSE! I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS!
IF YOU THINK THAT WAS REALLY LORD HALKEY YOU SAW, LET'S GO BACK AND RETRACE YOUR ROUTE!
I.. UH... DON'T THINK THAT WILL BE NECESSARY! YOU'VE CONVINCED ME! I ER.. WAS PROBABLY SUFFERING FROM AN OVER-ACTIVE IMAGINATION!

THAT NIGHT...
THAT FELLOW WASN'T CONVINCED AT ALL, PLAS! I COULD TELL BY THE WAY HE TALKED THAT HE STILL THINKS HE SAW THE GHOST OF LORD HALKEY!
THE INNKEEPER BELIEVES IT, TOO!
I GUESS THERE'S NO USE TRYING TO REASON WITH SUPERSTITION!
YEAH! SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST PLAIN DUMB! G'NIGHT, PLAS!
HUH! WHUZZAT?
SOUNDS LIKE A PACK OF HUNTING DOGS IN FULL CRY!
ARRRROOOOOOC
THEY SEEM TO BE COMING CLOSER!
L-LORD HALKEY AND HIS HOUNDS!
ARRRRROOOOOO

MADDENED WITH TERROR, THE HORSES VEER AWAY FROM THEIR BLOODTHIRSTY PURSUERS!
EEEEEEE!
THEY'RE GOING OVER THE CLIFF!
I'D BETTER HURRY!
OOOOF!
WHUNNGGG!
YOU'RE SAFE NOW, MISS!
HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?
Y-YOU SAVED MY LIFE! WHEN THAT TERRIBLE MAN AND HIS HOUNDS STARTED TO CHASE US, I GAVE UP HOPE!
HMM! THEY'VE DISAPPEARED NOW!
WHERE WERE YOU HEADING?
MY BROTHER IS STAYING AT A COUNTRY INN NEAR HERE! I ARRIVED AT THE TRAIN DEPOT A SHORT WHILE AGO BUT THE COACHMAN REFUSED TO DRIVE ME TO THE INN!

HE WOULDN'T GIVE A REASON! JUST MUTTERED SOME GIBBERISH ABOUT A MEDIEVAL LORD HAVING BEEN SEEN HEREABOUTS! SO I HIRED THE CARRIAGE AND DROVE MYSELF!
AND YOU MET HIS MEDIEVAL LORDSHIP EN-ROUTE!
YOU MEAN THAT MADMAN WITH THE HOUNDS?
THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE HUNTING DOWN ALL INTRUDERS ON HIS ANCIENT DOMAINS! YOU WERE SLATED TO BE HIS NEXT VICTIM!
LATER, AT THE INN...
I HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS YOUR SISTER, MR ASHLEY!
YES... WE'RE BOTH INTERESTED IN MICRO-PALEONTOLOGY! THAT'S THE STUDY OF TINY FOSSILS, YOU KNOW! I CAME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE OF THE INTERESTING SPECIMENS IN THIS REGION!
BUT WE'VE HAD TWO NARROW ESCAPES FROM DEATH! I WON'T TEMPT FATE ANY LONGER! GLORIA AND I ARE GOING TO CHECK OUT... IMMEDIATELY!
OH, TOM, I HATE TO BE FRIGHTENED AWAY BY A SILLY LEGEND!
THAT FELLOW ON HORSEBACK IS JUST SOME VILLAGE JOKER... WHO'S CARRYING A JOKE TOO FAR!
JUST THE SAME, I'M TAKING YOU HOME!
WELL, THERE THEY GO! I CAN'T BLAME TOM ASHLEY FOR BEING ALARMED! BOTH HE AND HIS SISTER HAVE BEEN HUNTED BY THE PHANTOM HORSEMAN AND HIS HOUNDS!
AYE!
THEY'RE ONLY THE FIRST TO CLEAR OUT OF THIS SECTION! NOW THAT LORD HALKEY'S BEEN SEEN, FOLKS WILL MOVE AWAY FROM HERE IN DROVES!
TOO BAD! THAT MEANS THE END OF YOUR BUSINESS!
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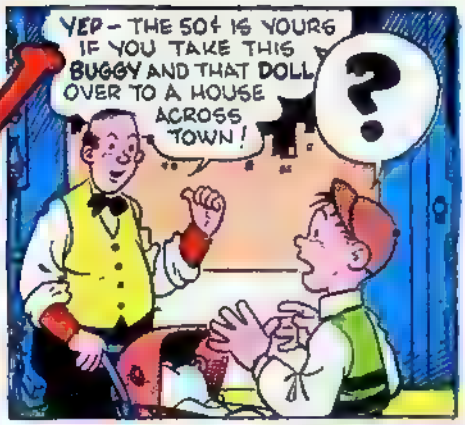
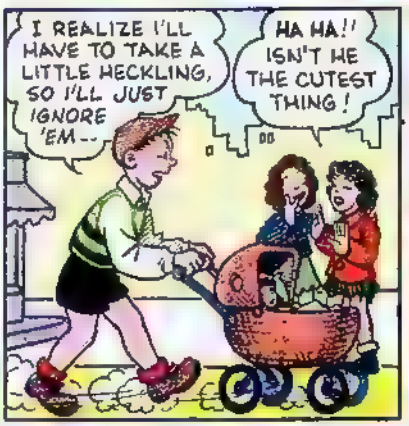
A SHORT TIME LATER, THE WILD CLATTER OF HOOFBEATS AWAKENS PLASTIC MAN...
GLORIA ASHLEY! WHAT'S WRONG?
LORD ASHLEY AND HIS HOUNDS! WE HEARD THEM AGAIN AND TOM WENT TO INVESTIGATE! HE NEVER CAME BACK!
I-I'M AFRAID SOMETHING TERRIBLE'S HAPPENED TO HIM!
DON'T WORRY, MISS ASHLEY! MY FRIEND AND I WILL FIND YOUR BROTHER!
I COULDN'T FIND A GOLDFISH IN A CLEAR BOWL OF WATER! CAN'T YOU GO ALONE?
NOPE! TWO OF US LOOKING JUST DOUBLES OUR CHANCES OF FINDING TOM ASHLEY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
SOON...
HMM! WE'RE TOO LATE ALREADY! HERE'S WHAT REMAINS OF TOM ASHLEY'S CLOTHES... TORN TO BITS BY HOUNDS!
G-G-GOSH!
WE'VE GOT TO PICK UP THE TRAIL OF THE KILLERS! YOU GO THE OTHER WAY, WOOZY, AND HOLLER IF YOU SEE ANYTHING!
YEAH BUT WHAT'LL I DO IF ANYTHING SEES ME?
ARRROOOOOOOO!
ULP! I HOPE I DIDN'T HEAR WHAT I KNOW I HEARD!
PLAS! OH, PLAS!
ARRROOOOO
YIII! I TRIPPED!
6

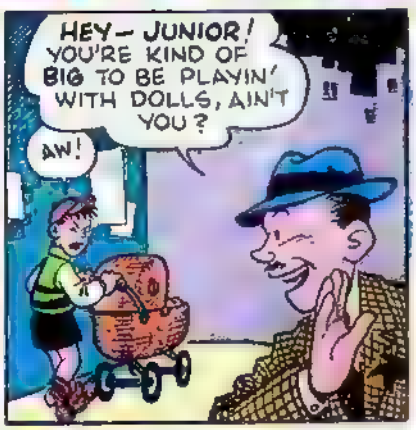
I'M DOOMED! I CAN FEEL THOSE TERRIBLE FANGS TEARING INTO MY FLESH ALREADY!
GROWRR!
KLUNK!
OHHH... THE PAIN OF IT! THEY'RE RENDING ME TO BITS!
PLASTIC MAN !!
DID YOU SAY, PLASTIC MAN?
CURIOUS, ISN'T IT? OUR SPOOK KNOWS MY NAME... EVEN THOUGH HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR OVER THREE HUNDRED YEARS!
POW
OF COURSE HE REALLY ISN'T A SPOOK AT ALL!
TOM ASHLEY! I THOUGHT HE WAS KILLED BY... OH, GOLLY! NOW I'M ALL MIXED UP!
ASHLEY ONLY PRETENDED TO BE KILLED, SO HE COULD CARRY ON HIS IMPERSONATION OF LORD HALKEY! HE WANTED TO TERRORIZE EVERYBODY IN THIS VICINITY SO THEY WOULD SELL THEIR LANDS CHEAPLY!
MY STUDY OF TINY FOSSILS IN THIS REGION PROVED THAT IT'S INCREDIBLY RICH IN OIL! ONLY CERTAIN TYPES OF FOSSILS APPEAR IN OIL-BEARING STRATA!
I'D HAVE BOUGHT UP THE LAND FOR A FRACTION OF ITS VALUE I'D HAVE BEEN RICH! BUT YOU SPOILED EVERYTHING, PLASTIC MAN!
THAT MAKES US EVEN! YOU SPOILED MY VACATION!
GOLLY, PLAS, HE SURE WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE! HE WAS EVEN WILLING TO SACRIFICE HIS OWN SISTER'S LIFE!
HE WON'T BUY ANY CHEAP OIL LAND NOW! BUT HE'LL GET A FREE PLOT... A SIX-BY-EIGHT CELL IN THE STATE PRISON!

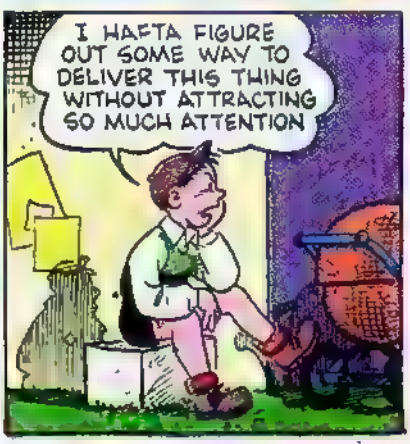
PLASTIC MAN

SNAPPY



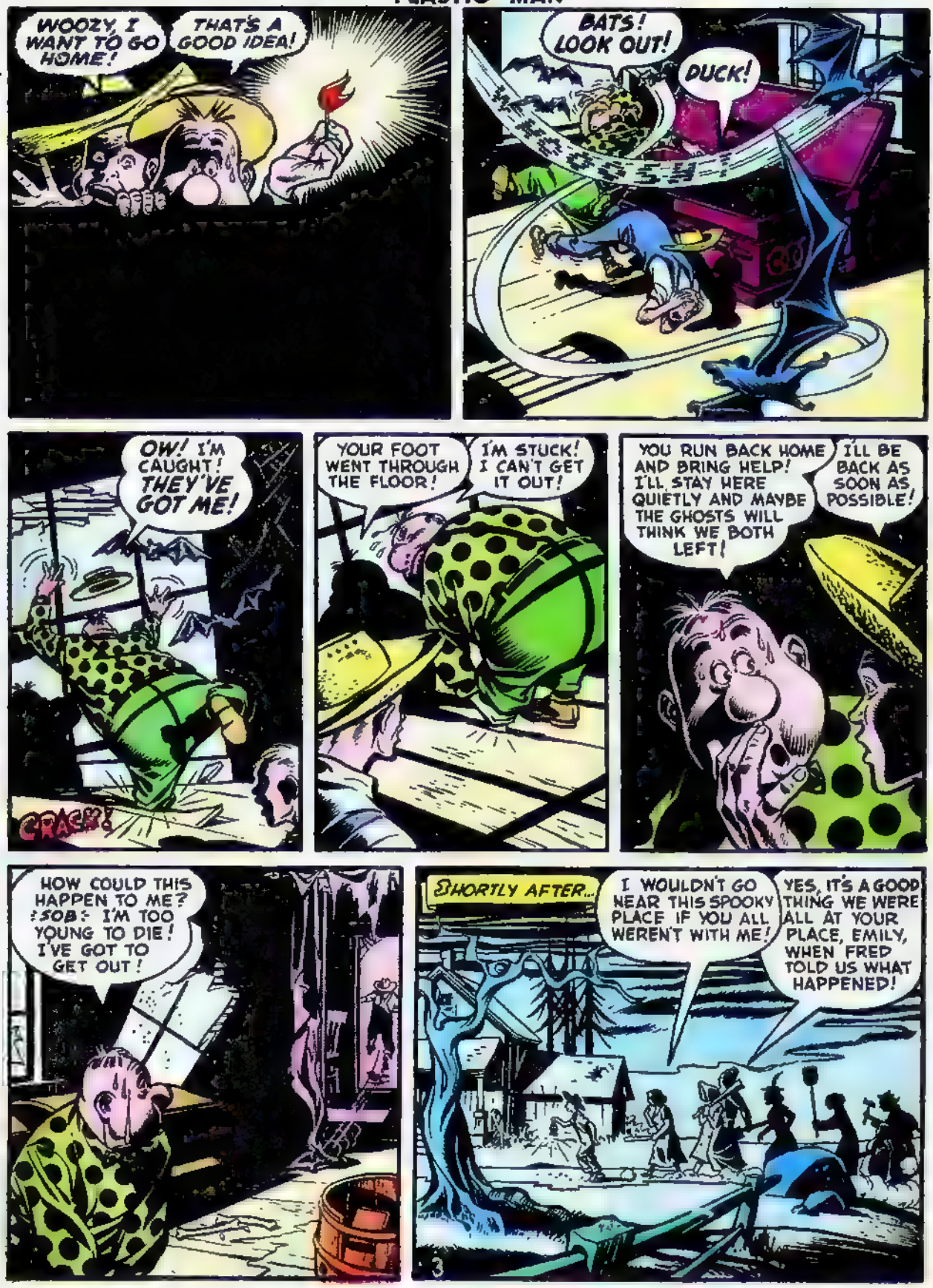






WOOZY
GULP! I D-DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS... BUT SEEING IS BELIEVING!
...SO AFTER I CLEANED UP THE JEWEL THIEVES, THE BANK ROBBERS AND THE FORIEGN SPIES THE CHIEF TOLD ME I'D BETTER TAKE A VACATION!
SO THAT'S WHY I CAME OUT HERE TO THE FARM, FOR A REST!
GOSH, WOOZY, YOU MUST BE THE MAINSTAY OF THE F.B.I.!

WELL, I DON'T THINK THEY'LL CLOSE DOWN WITHOUT ME, FRED, BUT I'M SURE THEY'LL HOLD THE IMPORTANT CASES —
THEN YOU'RE JUST THE FEARLESS MAN WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE THAT OLD HAUNTED HOUSE IN THE VALLEY THAT HAS EVERY-ONE SO SCARED!
WHY, SURE— HUH?
GOOD! THEN I'LL MEET YOU TONIGHT AND WE'LL GO THERE TOGETHER!
THAT NIGHT....
THERE IT IS UP AHEAD!
FRED, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D RATHER GO INTO TOWN AND SEE A MOVIE?
NO, I WANT TO SEE — LOOK! THERE'S SOME LIGHT IN THE BUILDING!
COME ON! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
WOOZY! YOU'RE NOT SCARED, ARE YOU?
ME? HEH! HEH! NO! I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY! COME ON, LET'S GO INSIDE!
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S ONLY A LOOSE FLOOR-BOARD! GOSH, IT'S DARK IN HERE!
SQUEAK
LOOK, WOOZY! SKELETONS!
I S-SEE!
HALLOWEEN NOVELTIES
SKELETONS
MASKS


WOOZY, I WANT TO GO HOME!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
BATS! LOOK OUT!
DUCK!
OW! I'M CAUGHT! THEY'VE GOT ME!
CRACK!
YOUR FOOT WENT THROUGH THE FLOOR!
I'M STUCK! I CAN'T GET IT OUT!
YOU RUN BACK HOME AND BRING HELP! I'LL STAY HERE QUIETLY AND MAYBE THE GHOSTS WILL THINK WE BOTH LEFT!
I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN TO ME? SOB: I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT!
SHORTLY AFTER...
I WOULDN'T GO NEAR THIS SPOOKY PLACE IF YOU ALL WEREN'T WITH ME!
YES, IT'S A GOOD THING WE WERE ALL AT YOUR PLACE, EMILY, WHEN FRED TOLD US WHAT HAPPENED!

COME ON, MAW! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE WOOZY BEFORE THE GOBLINS GET HIM!
UGH! I'VE GOT TO GET FREE! OOF! I MADE IT!
RIP
CRASH!
THESE ARE NO GHOSTS! THEY'RE OUR HUSBANDS!
ELMER! YOU SAID YOU HAD TO GO TO A GRANGE MEETING!
HUH?
GOSH... THE WOMENFOLK! THEY'VE FOUND US OUT!
SO YOU FIXED THIS PLACE UP TO LOOK SPOOKY TO KEEP US OUT, YOU NO GOOD LOAFERS!
AND ALL THE TIME YOU'VE BEEN USING THIS HIDEOUT WHERE YOU CAN MEET AND PLAY CARDS!
YOU'RE COMING ALONG HOME! I'LL FIND PLENTY OF CHORES FOR YOU TO DO!
THE NEXT MORNING....
PAW, DON'T YOU THINK WOOZY IS WONDERFUL THE WAY HE USED HIS F.B.I. METHODS TO CLEAR UP THE HAUNTED HOUSE MYSTERY?
HUH! SO HE'S THE CRITTER THAT'S RESPONSIBLE!
HOME
SHORTLY AFTER...
....AND DON'T EVER COME BACK HERE YOU MEDDLING FOOL!
HALP! HEY! HOLD THAT TRAIN! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

WRONG Signature

"GUESS this is the best luck I ever had," said old Jake Barton, his wrinkled face wreathed in smiles. "Sure do thank you for it."

"Don't thank me," replied Sergeant Dugan. "It's a reward for your honesty and you deserve it."

'Just like findin' a fortune," said the old man as he walked from the police station with the small piece of paper grasped firmly in his hand.

Detective Harrimon entered the station as the old fellow went out. "What's the beggar doing here?" he asked of Dugan a moment later.

"You know him?" queried Dugan

"Not exactly," replied Harrimon "but I've seen him around. Seems the poor old character is too proud to go on relief so he lives on handouts."

"Well, this time he got a good one," smiled Sergeant Dugan. "He came in here with a bracelet a few days ago—said he'd found it on the street. Turned out to be a pretty precious piece of jewelry and the owner left a check here for Jake Barton, made out to him for two hundred bucks."

Detective Harrimon grinned, "That's good," he said. "I'm glad the old boy got a break."

But Jake Barton was happier than anyone. As he walked down the street, he met a man he knew and he had to report the good news. "Ed Stokey," he said. "You gotta know what happened to me. I got a reward. Most money I ever had in my life."

He held out the check for Ed Stokey to see. "Two hundred smackers is a lot of dough," Ed remarked. Then he thought to himself, "Two Cs would cover the gambling debt I gotta pay some way."

Two days later, a tenement rooming house was in a turmoil. Jake Barton had been found dead in his room—murdered. The landlady found the body and summoned the cops, and Detective Harrimon and his technical crew arrived. The coroner said it was murder and a neat job of being stabbed in the back. The photographer took pictures. The fingerprint men could find no clues. But Harrimon had one.

"This man was given a check two days ago," he said. "Now there's no check around and no money. The first thing we'll do is trace that check."

The check had been cleared without question. Two signatures were on the back. First was one in an unsteady hand and the name was Jake Barton. Below it was the signature of Edward Stokey. Harrimon decided to start by tracking down the Stokey person and that was not hard to do since he lived near the old man's house.

"I can't explain Mr. Barton's murder," he told the detective, "but I can explain about the check. You see, I loaned Barton about three hundred dollars once and naturally I wanted to get back some of my money. So he told me about the reward and I said he owed it to me. He endorsed it and so did I before I cashed it because I had to give my identification and signature."

"Naturally," agreed Harrimon, "only I expect to to check on Barton's signature to see if it's the same."

"Go ahead," grinned Stokey. "I'm in the clear."

There was no charge against Stokey and Harrimon knew it. Not unless he could prove that Jake Barton's name on that check was a forgery. He inquired around the neighborhood but no one could remember ever having seen the old man sign his name to anything. He had no papers in his room—nothing at all with his name on it.

Harrimon stopped off at the precinct station again and talked to Sergeant Dugan. It didn't take many minutes to settle the case and shortly afterward Stokey was picked up and arrested.

"You ain't got nothin' on me," he snarled after he had been taken to headquarters. "What did I do?"

"Maybe you murdered the old man," accused Harrimon. "I'm pretty sure you'll confess, now that you know we've got you cold on a charge of forgery."

"Forgery?" flared Stokey. "You can't prove that was anything but old Barton's handwriting. Try and prove it. I dare you."

"I'll take that dare," answered the detective coolly. "You thought you were safe, didn't you, Stokey? Thought it was a sure thing, since nobody would have a record of Jake Barton's signature? But you're wrong."

"I know I'm right. It was his signature and you can't show me one that's different."

"At the police station," continued Harrimon calmly, "he had to sign a receipt for his reward check. That's how I happen to know that you forged the check. We know that the old man was illiterate and couldn't write at all."

Stokey was convicted of forgery and later confessed to murder. Because, at the police station, Jake Barton had signed the receipt with an X.

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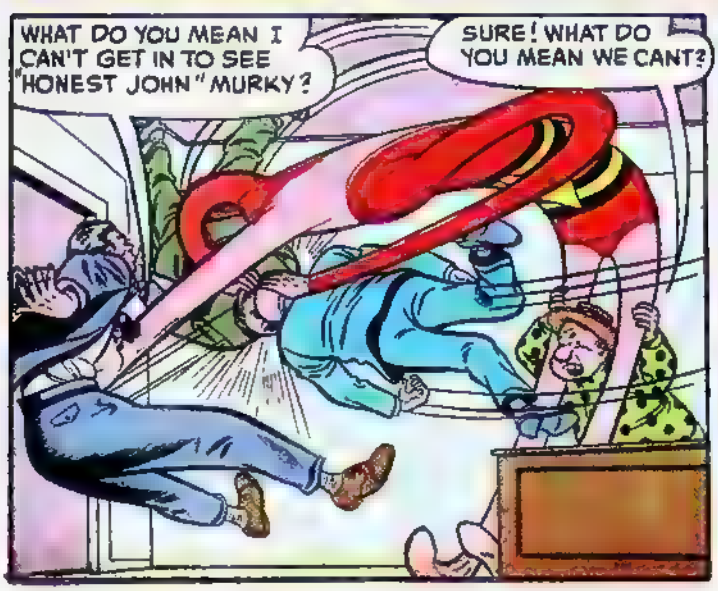
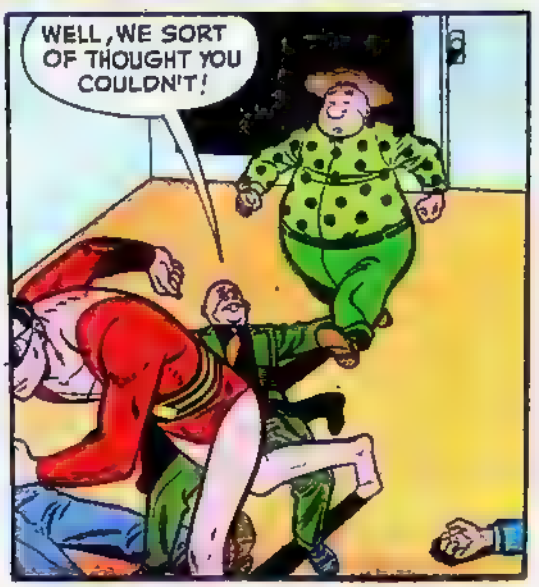
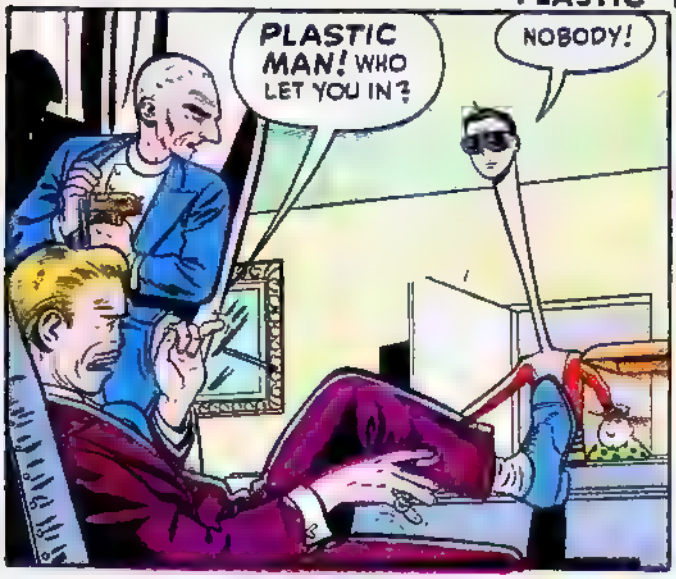
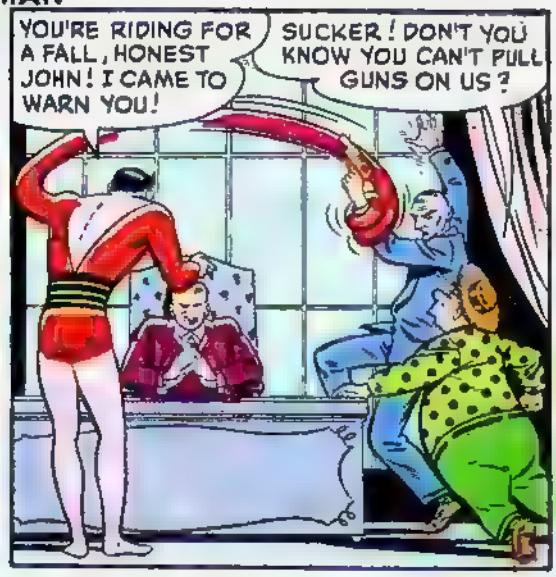
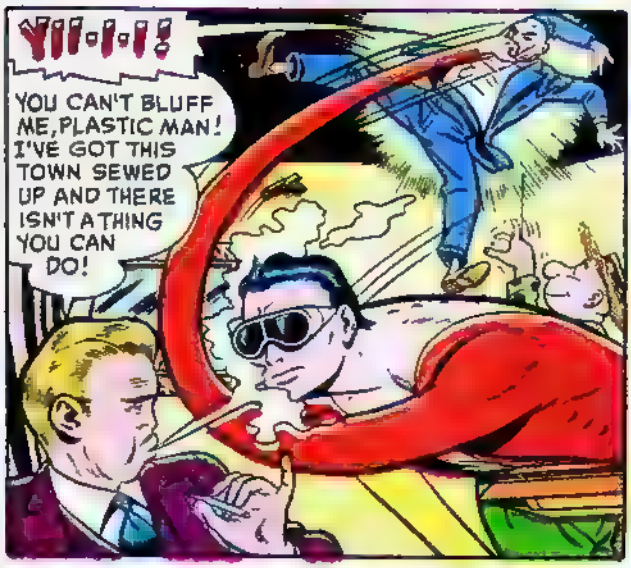
A RED PRESIDENTIAL MANSION! YOU KNOW I'M ALLERGIC TO RED!
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE COLOR MAKE SO LONG AS WE CAN KEEP PLASTIC MAN OUT OF THE PLACE!
SAN QUENIN

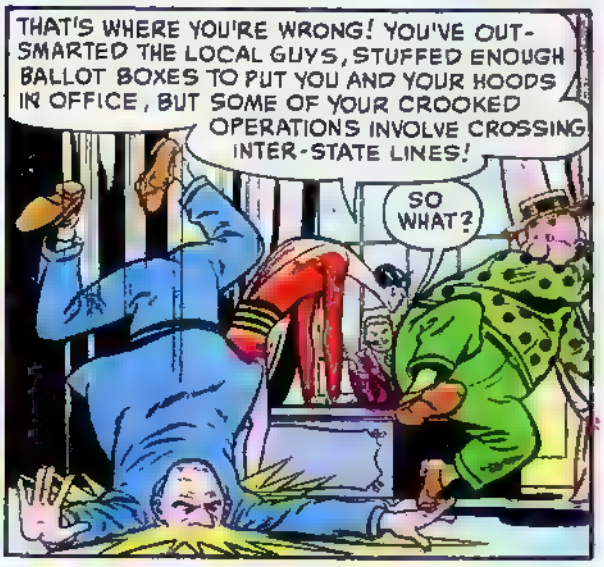

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I CAN'T GET IN TO SEE "HONEST JOHN" MURKY?
SURE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE CANT?

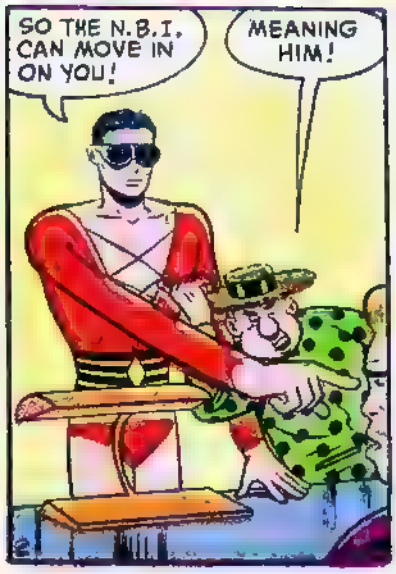

WELL, WE SORT OF THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T!

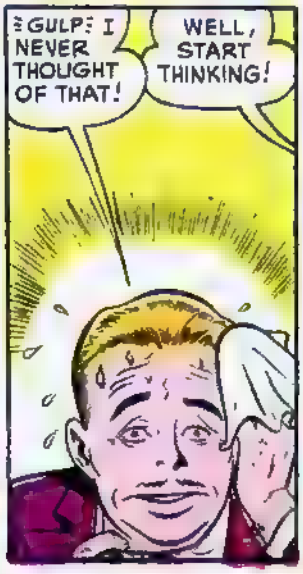

PLASTIC MAN! WHO LET YOU IN?
NOBODY!


YOU'RE RIDING FOR A FALL, HONEST JOHN! I CAME TO WARN YOU!
SUCKER! DON'T YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T PULL GUNS ON US?

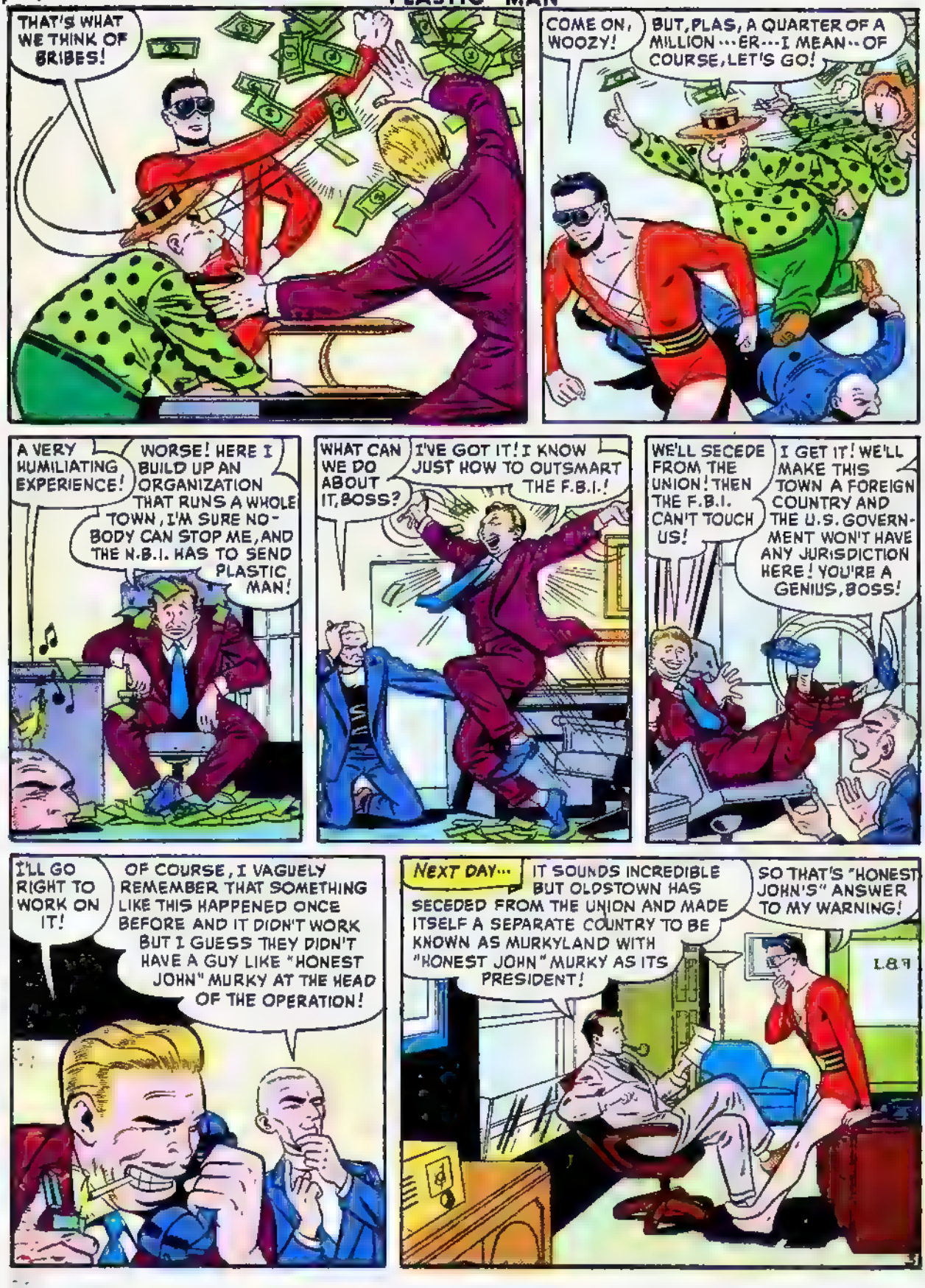

YII-I-I-I!
YOU CAN'T BLUFF ME, PLASTIC MAN! I'VE GOT THIS TOWN SEWED UP AND THERE ISN'T A THING YOU CAN DO!

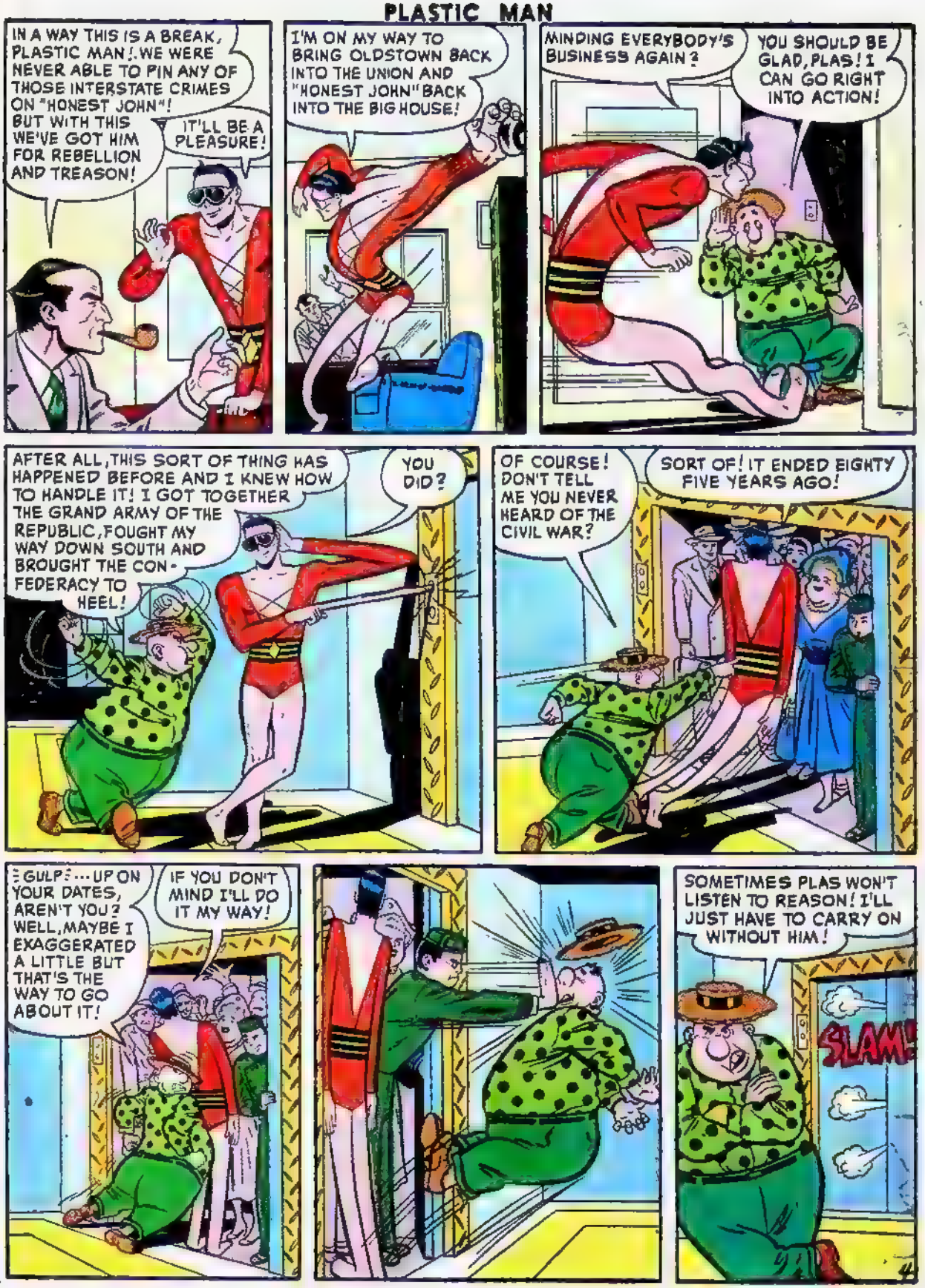

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG! YOU'VE OUT-SMARTED THE LOCAL GUYS, STUFFED ENOUGH BALLOT BOXES TO PUT YOU AND YOUR HOODS IN OFFICE, BUT SOME OF YOUR CROOKED OPERATIONS INVOLVE CROSSING INTER-STATE LINES!
SO WHAT?

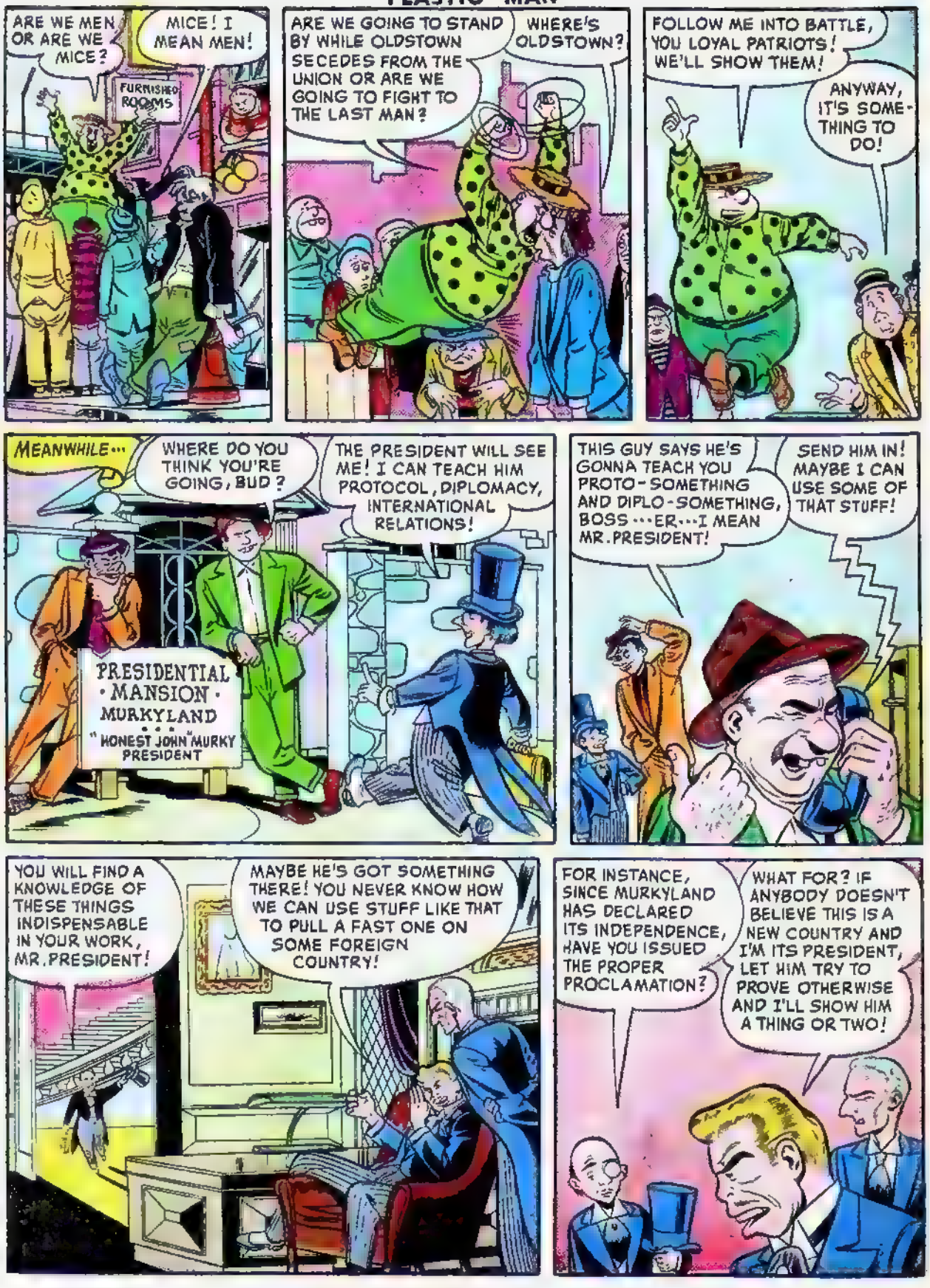

SO THE N.B.I. CAN MOVE IN ON YOU!
MEANING HIM!


GULP! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!
WELL, START THINKING!

LOOK, PLASTIC MAN, WITH A QUARTER OF A MILLION BUCKS YOU COULD RETIRE, STOP WORRYING ABOUT CROOKS, JUST TAKE IT EASY!
A BRIBE, EH?


THAT'S WHAT WE THINK OF BRIBES!
COME ON, WOOZY!
BUT, PLAS, A QUARTER OF A MILLION ··· ER··· I MEAN ·· OF COURSE, LET'S GO!
A VERY HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE!
WORSE! HERE I BUILD UP AN ORGANIZATION THAT RUNS A WHOLE TOWN, I'M SURE NOBODY CAN STOP ME, AND THE N.B.I. HAS TO SEND PLASTIC MAN!
WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT, BOSS?
I'VE GOT IT! I KNOW JUST HOW TO OUTSMART THE F.B.I.!
WE'LL SECEDE FROM THE UNION! THEN THE F.B.I. CAN'T TOUCH US!
I GET IT! WE'LL MAKE THIS TOWN A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WON'T HAVE ANY JURISDICTION HERE! YOU'RE A GENIUS, BOSS!
I'LL GO RIGHT TO WORK ON IT!
OF COURSE, I VAGUELY REMEMBER THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE AND IT DIDN'T WORK BUT I GUESS THEY DIDN'T HAVE A GUY LIKE "HONEST JOHN" MURKY AT THE HEAD OF THE OPERATION!
NEXT DAY···
IT SOUNDS INCREDIBLE BUT OLDSTOWN HAS SECEDED FROM THE UNION AND MADE ITSELF A SEPARATE COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN AS MURKYLAND WITH "HONEST JOHN" MURKY AS ITS PRESIDENT!
SO THAT'S "HONEST JOHN'S" ANSWER TO MY WARNING!


IN A WAY THIS IS A BREAK, PLASTIC MAN! WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO PIN ANY OF THOSE INTERSTATE CRIMES ON "HONEST JOHN"! BUT WITH THIS WE'VE GOT HIM FOR REBELLION AND TREASON!
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!
I'M ON MY WAY TO BRING OLDSTOWN BACK INTO THE UNION AND "HONEST JOHN" BACK INTO THE BIG HOUSE!
MINDING EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS AGAIN?
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD, PLAS! I CAN GO RIGHT INTO ACTION!
AFTER ALL, THIS SORT OF THING HAS HAPPENED BEFORE AND I KNEW HOW TO HANDLE IT! I GOT TOGETHER THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, FOUGHT MY WAY DOWN SOUTH AND BROUGHT THE CONFEDERACY TO HEEL!
YOU DID?
OF COURSE! DON'T TELL ME YOU NEVER HEARD OF THE CIVIL WAR?
SORT OF! IT ENDED EIGHTY FIVE YEARS AGO!
GULP!... UP ON YOUR DATES, AREN'T YOU? WELL, MAYBE I EXAGGERATED A LITTLE BUT THAT'S THE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT!
IF YOU DON'T MIND I'LL DO IT MY WAY!
SOMETIMES PLAS WON'T LISTEN TO REASON! I'LL JUST HAVE TO CARRY ON WITHOUT HIM!
SLAM!


ARE WE MEN OR ARE WE MICE?
MICE! I MEAN MEN!
FURNISHED ROOMS
ARE WE GOING TO STAND BY WHILE OLDSTOWN SECEDES FROM THE UNION OR ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT TO THE LAST MAN?
WHERE'S OLDSTOWN?
FOLLOW ME INTO BATTLE, YOU LOYAL PATRIOTS! WE'LL SHOW THEM!
ANYWAY, IT'S SOMETHING TO DO!
MEANWHILE...
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, BUD?
THE PRESIDENT WILL SEE ME! I CAN TEACH HIM PROTOCOL, DIPLOMACY, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS!
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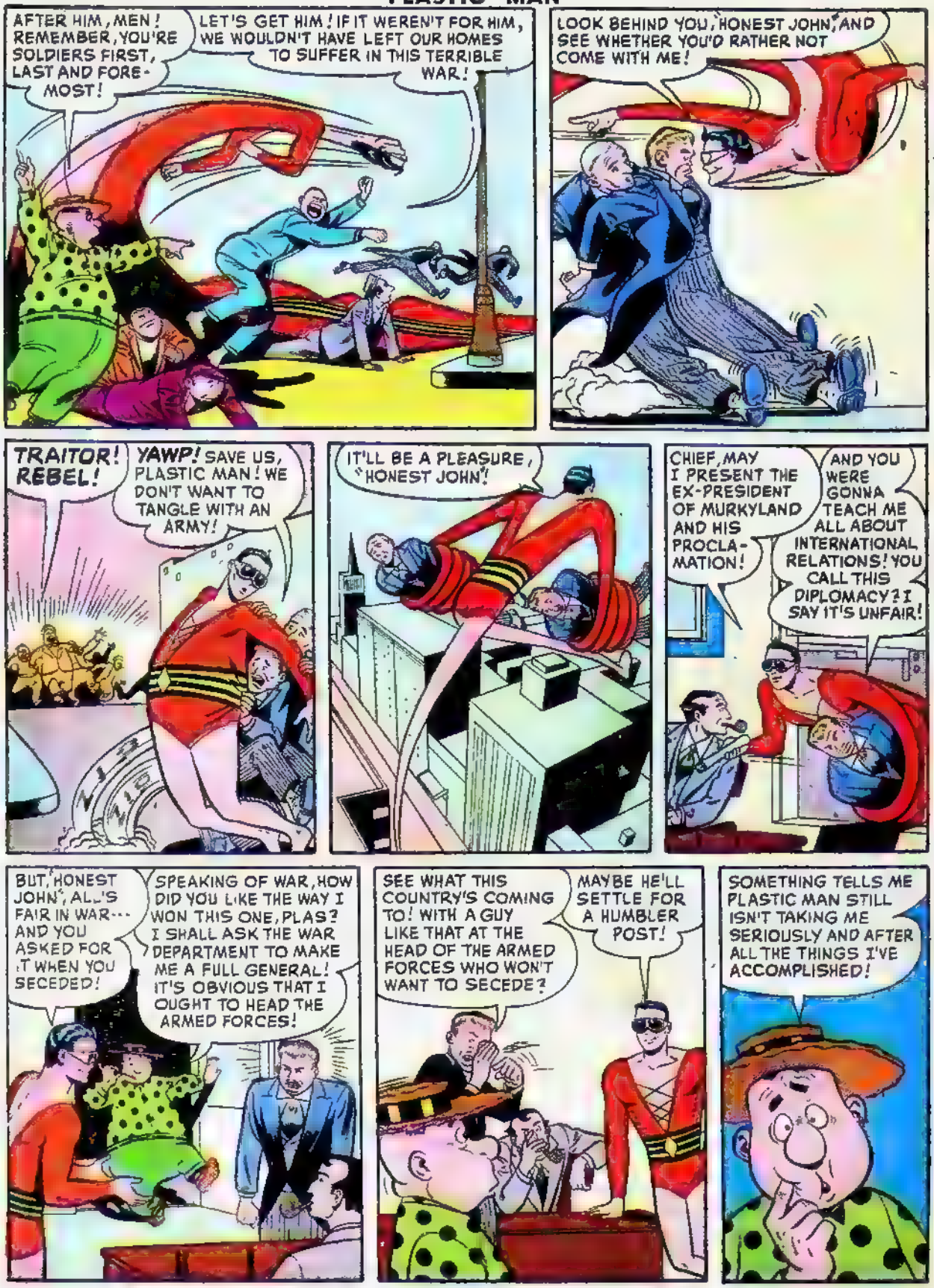
"HONEST JOHN" MURKY PRESIDENT
THIS GUY SAYS HE'S GONNA TEACH YOU PROTO-SOMETHING AND DIPLO-SOMETHING, BOSS ···ER···I MEAN MR. PRESIDENT!
SEND HIM IN! MAYBE I CAN USE SOME OF THAT STUFF!
YOU WILL FIND A KNOWLEDGE OF THESE THINGS INDISPENSABLE IN YOUR WORK, MR. PRESIDENT!
MAYBE HE'S GOT SOMETHING THERE! YOU NEVER KNOW HOW WE CAN USE STUFF LIKE THAT TO PULL A FAST ONE ON SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY!
FOR INSTANCE, SINCE MURKYLAND HAS DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE, HAVE YOU ISSUED THE PROPER PROCLAMATION?
WHAT FOR? IF ANYBODY DOESN'T BELIEVE THIS IS A NEW COUNTRY AND I'M ITS PRESIDENT, LET HIM TRY TO PROVE OTHERWISE AND I'LL SHOW HIM A THING OR TWO!

OF COURSE YOU WILL! BUT IT'S SO MUCH MORE DIGNIFIED, SO MUCH MORE IN KEEPING WITH YOUR POSITION TO DO IT PROPERLY!
ALL RIGHT, I GUESS I CAN MAKE LIKE A PRESIDENT WITH THE BEST OF THEM!
SPLENDID! WE'LL WRITE IT NOW... ON PARCHMENT AS A PROCLAMATION SHOULD BE WRITTEN!
"I, 'HONEST JOHN" MURKY, DO ON THIS DATE DECLARE THAT I HAVE OPENLY REBELLED AGAINST THE CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, DISAVOWED ITS LAWS AND SET UP A RIVAL NATION WITHIN ITS BORDERS!" THERE, HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
HEY, THAT'S PRETTY CLASSY! I LIKE IT!
SO DO I! NOW SIGN HERE!
I CAN USE A GUY LIKE YOU AROUND HERE! WANT A JOB?
NO, THANKS, I ALREADY HAVE A JOB!
ARRESTING YOU IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED STATES IS PART OF IT! THANKS FOR SIGNING THE COMPLETE CONFESSION, HONEST JOHN!
GRAWK! PLASTIC MAN!
HOW OBSERVANT YOU ARE!

AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE···
STORM THE PRESIDENTIAL MANSION! CHARGE!
DOWN, TRAITORS!
HEY, COME BACK HERE! WE'RE GONNA CAPTURE THE PRESIDENT!
AW, THIS'LL BE MORE FUN! AN ARMY'S ENTITLED TO LOOT, AIN'T IT?
JEWEL
GEM
LEAVE IT TO WOOZY TO FOUL THINGS UP! THIS IDEA OF HIS CAN LEAD TO MORE DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION THAN HONEST JOHN'S!
BE BACK WITH YOU IN A JIFFY, HONEST JOHN!
NOW, WHY DIDN'T YOU STAY OUT OF THIS, WOOZY?
BUT, PLAS, I DIDN'T TELL THEM TO START LOOTING!
NOW, BOYS, CUT IT OUT AND GO HOME! YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB SO FAR BUT NOW THE WAR'S OVER! SCAT!
WHAT? GO HOME EMPTY HANDED?

AFTER SHEDDING OUR BLOOD AND GIVING THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES TO OUR COUNTRY, YOU JUST WANT US TO GO HOME!
WE WANT PENSIONS!
WE WANT BOOTY!
DOWN WITH PLASTIC MAN! HE'S THE POOR SOLDIER'S ENEMY!
THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND!
I'LL HAVE TO RELEASE "HONEST JOHN" AND HIS HOOD TO DO THIS!
NOW MAYBE YOU'LL CALM DOWN AND BE REASONABLE! I WON'T LET ONE OF YOU OUT UNTIL YOU PROMISE TO BE REASONABLE!
FURS
DRUGS
LOOK! WE CAN GET AWAY···RIGHT OVER PLASTIC MAN'S HEAD, SO TO SPEAK!
ANYBODY AGAINST ME'S BOUND TO PROVE HE'S A SUCKER SOONER OR LATER!
IT'S THE PRESIDENT... HE'S GETTING AWAY!


AFTER HIM, MEN! REMEMBER, YOU'RE SOLDIERS FIRST, LAST AND FOREMOST!
LET'S GET HIM! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT OUR HOMES TO SUFFER IN THIS TERRIBLE WAR!
LOOK BEHIND YOU, HONEST JOHN, AND SEE WHETHER YOU'D RATHER NOT COME WITH ME!
TRAITOR! REBEL!
YAWP! SAVE US, PLASTIC MAN! WE DON'T WANT TO TANGLE WITH AN ARMY!
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, HONEST JOHN!
CHIEF, MAY I PRESENT THE EX-PRESIDENT OF MURKYLAND AND HIS PROCLAMATION!
AND YOU WERE GONNA TEACH ME ALL ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS! YOU CALL THIS DIPLOMACY? I SAY IT'S UNFAIR!
BUT, HONEST JOHN, ALL'S FAIR IN WAR--- AND YOU ASKED FOR IT WHEN YOU SECEDED!
SPEAKING OF WAR, HOW DID YOU LIKE THE WAY I WON THIS ONE, PLAS? I SHALL ASK THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO MAKE ME A FULL GENERAL! IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I OUGHT TO HEAD THE ARMED FORCES!
SEE WHAT THIS COUNTRY'S COMING TO! WITH A GUY LIKE THAT AT THE HEAD OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO WON'T WANT TO SECEDE?
MAYBE HE'LL SETTLE FOR A HUMBLER POST!
SOMETHING TELLS ME PLASTIC MAN STILL ISN'T TAKING ME SERIOUSLY AND AFTER ALL THE THINGS I'VE ACCOMPLISHED!

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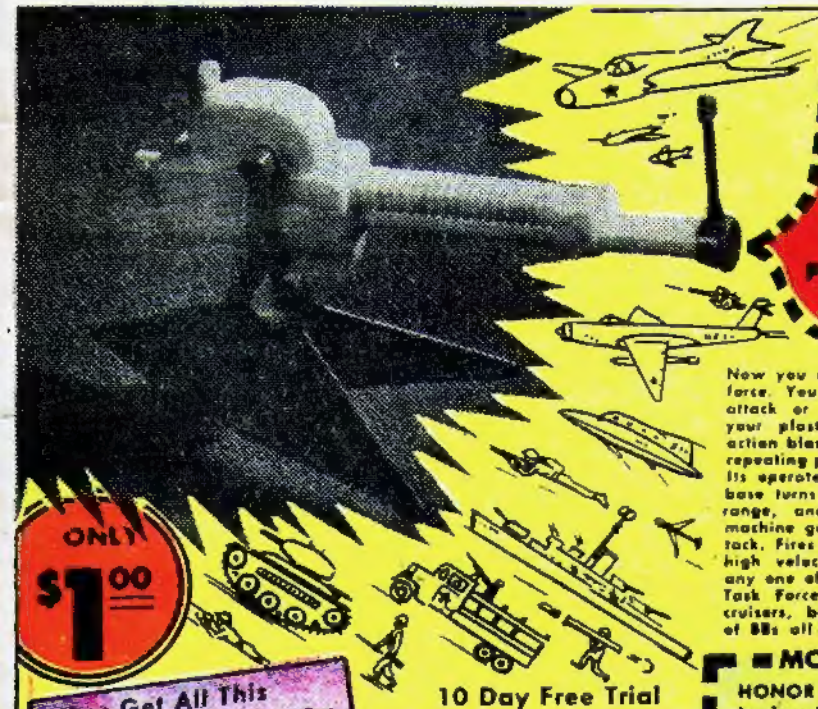

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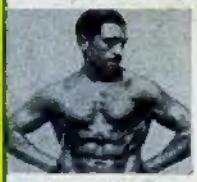

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